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SUBJECT: LEBANESE DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE

1. LEBANON'S PROTRACTED DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND MY OWN TRAVELS OBLIGE ME TO FILE THIS LAST-MINUTE REPORT ON LEBANESE DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE FROM AMMAN. IN ABSENCE OF NEW CABINET AND BONA FIDE LABOR MINISTER, WOULD EXPECT LEBANESE DEL TO BE LED BY LABOR MINISTRY DIRGEN HAMID KHOURY. HE IS FRIENDLY, APPROACHABLE AND, AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE, KNOWLEDGEABLE ON POLITICAL ISSUES. AS MARONITE CHRISTIAN CLOSELY TIED TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE, HOWEVER, HE MAY BE NEEDED MORE AT HOME THAN AT GENEVA. HENCE, HIS TIME AT CONFERENCE COULD BE ABBREVIATED. WOULD ACCORDINGLY RANK HIM BEHIND EGYPTIAN, JORDANIAN AND KUWAITI REPS AMONG KEY CONTACTS ON ARAB GOVERNMENT SIDE.

2. GABRIEL KHOURY, PRESIDENT OF CONFEDERATION

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OF LEBANESE LABOR, IS LEBANESE WORKER DELEGATE.

HE AND HIS TWO ALTERNATIVES (ELIAS SHAYA AND
MOUSSA NASSER, BOTH OF WHOM VISITED U.S. LAST
YEAR) ARE CHRISTIANS, FRIENDLY AND LIKELY TO
INITIATE CONTACT WITH AAFLI AND U.S. WORKER
DELEGATE. IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS OTHER LEBANESE
LABOR LEADERS (NOTABLY GEORGE SACRE AND JOHN SABA)
PLAN TO ATTEND UNOFFICIALLY ON BEHALF OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE FEDERATIONS. GENERALLY SPEAKING,
LEBANESE TRADE-UNIONISTS CAN BE HELPFUL IN PRO-
VIDING INFO ON OTHER ARABS BUT ARE NOT LIKELY TO
HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE ON THEM AT THIS TIME.
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